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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Read—the following papers:—

I

Letter—from C. Mildred, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
To—the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Dated—Trichinopoly, the 17th February 1911.
No.—222 C.E.

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura, during his inspection of the hospital at Thekkady in November 1910, remarked that the permanent officials at Thekkady should be provided with mosquito curtains at Government expense. The matter was referred to the Surgeon-General to the Government of Madras who in his letter No. 28-S./7613, dated 13th December 1910, recommends the supply. I have therefore the honour to forward herewith an estimate, amounting to Rs. 110, for purchasing mosquito curtains and filter for the Government officials stationed at the Periyar head works. The copies of correspondence on the subject are herein enclosed for your persual. The establishment living at Thekkady and Periyar and their families suffer a lot from malaria and it is worth while trying the experiment.

Enclosures.

(i)

Extract of the inspection report from the visitors' book of Public Works Department dispensary, Thekkady, noted by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Madura.

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I think the permanent officials should have mosquito curtains given them at Government expense. Mosquito curtains for a family would be a serious item in their pay and quite beyond their means.

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(ii)

Letter—from V. Hart, Esq., Officiating Executive Engineer, Madura Division.
To—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
Dated—the 25th November 1910.
No.—1076 S.E.

In forwarding herewith an extract from the notes of inspection of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer on the Public Works Department dispensary at Thekkady, I have the honour to enquire whether the supply of mosquito curtains to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon and his establishments at the expense of Government is admissible and if so whether I may submit an estimate to cover the cost of same.

Endorsement thereon, No. 6779, dated 3rd December 1910, by C. Mildred, Esq., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.

Forwarded to the Surgeon-General, Madras, for favour of remarks as to whether the supply of mosquito curtains is authorized.

(iii)

Letter—from the Hon'ble Surgeon-General P. H. BENSON, M.B., V.H.S., I.M.S., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
To—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
Dated—the 13th December 1910.
No.—28-S./7613.

With reference to your endorsement No. 6779, dated 3rd December 1910, I have the honour to state that I know of no rule authorizing the supply of mosquito curtains to Government officials, but viewing the matter from a medical point of view I would certainly say that the use of mosquito curtains in malarial tracts like Thekkady would mostly reduce the chances of acquiring that disease, and it is to the interest of the public service that the efficiency of Government servants who are not in a position to purchase the curtains for themselves should not be impaired by their being left unguarded from the bites of mosquitos. I would therefore suggest that Government be moved to accord sanction to the purchase in question.

II

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, R.O.C. No. 491/11, dated 11th April 1911.

Submitted to Government for orders.

H. E. CLERK,
Ag. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Order—No. 129 I., dated 24th April 1911.

The estimate received from the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, will be returned to him as the cost of mosquito curtains and of filters for the use of Government officials is not properly chargeable to Government.

(True Extract.)

H. E. CLERK,
Ag. Joint Secretary to Govt., P.W.D., Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Superintending Engineer, VI Circle (with estimate).
,, Accountant-General.
,, Financial Department (with notes).

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D.O. letter

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My dear Parker.

Regarding the Staff at Perinjar, I want to make some more remarks which had escaped me.

x 1) Warm clothing is very necessary for the lascars. A large no. of them are constantly sick & all of them have enlarged spleens. They are a miserable lot.

2) Johnson of Perinjar should be provided with a filter. A single candle Berkefeld will do. They cost now about Rs 15/. I believe.

Yours sincerely

(Sd) C.B. Harrison
15.1.11

District Medical & Sanitary Officer

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x Sanctioned in G.O. 111 Financial dated 16.3.10. W.S. with No 1444C of 30.3.10.

x not comm'd.

Please apply

Sd/ 10/2/11

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LG 6/3/11

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 129 I., DATED 24TH APRIL 1911.

[SUBJECT.—*Estimate for purchasing mosquito curtains and filter for the officials stationed at Periyár Head works.*]

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, R.O.C. No. 491/11, *dated* 11*th March* 1911.

Under Secretary—

A draft order sanctioning the estimate is submitted for approval.

Yes, mosquito curtains are perishable.
J.M.L.
11-3-11.

2. The Executive Engineer has classified the estimate under "42. Tools and plant." But it would appear to be more appropriate to charge it to the "Maintenance and repairs" of the system.

3. Paragraph 2 of the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation refers to the demi-official note quoted in the report accompanying the estimate. The portion of the report bracketed in pencil may be safely scored out.

4. It is submitted that the draft order may be forwarded to the Deputy Accountant-General and Financial Department for acceptance or remarks. The proposed expenditure is an unusual and novel one—but a necessary one.

M.S.V.
11-3-11.

Joint Secretary—

Submitted.

J. M. LACEY.
11-3-11.

H. E. CLERK.
11-3-11.

Deputy Accountant-General
Financial Department } *u.o.*

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL.

No. 86 *C., dated* 14*th March* 1911.

Joint Secretary—

Cost of mosquito curtains and of filters for the use of Government officials is not properly chargeable to Government (Public Works Code, Volume II, paragraph 1924).

In the case of permanent employees, a local allowance under article 32 (*i*), Civil Service Regulations, is sanctioned to compensate for unhealthiness or expensiveness of living and, in the case of temporary employees, the pay sanctioned for them is supposed to take into account local conditions such as unhealthiness of climate, etc.

The Sub-divisional officer at Thekkady draws a local allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem. The Hospital Assistant or Sub-Assistant Surgeon at the same place draws a local allowance of Rs. 25 per mensem.

The other persons for whom mosquito curtains are proposed are on the temporary establishment.

No Dam Superintendent sanctioned on Rs. 300 per mensem has as yet been employed. The pay of the Sluice Superintendent is Rs. 125 per mensem and the driver's pay is Rs. 63 per mensem.

R. SRINIVASA AIYAR.
14-3-11.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

Under Secretary—

In the circumstances no case can be made out to go up to Government with. For orders if the estimate may be returned to the Superintending Engineer with the Deputy Accountant-General's remarks above. [These notes will be treated as Chief Engineer's (Irrigation) notes.]

M.S.V.
15-3-11.

Joint Secretary—

Submitted.

I do not know if we have a strong case to go up to India. The only precedent we can quote is, I understand, that at Panama; mosquito proof houses are provided for all the establishments there.

J. M. LACEY.
15-3-11.

The reply of the Deputy Accountant-General is of course the purely official one, and had the proposed expenditure been in accordance with the Code it would have been unnecessary to send the papers to him first. I consider that the recommendation of the District Medical and Sanitary officer, Madura, supported by the Surgeon-General is a strong enough cause to ask Government or the Government of India, if necessary, to sanction the charge. It is no use saying that the special allowances should cover such requirements. The class of men for whom we propose to supply mosquito nets are not likely to realize their value and cannot be expected to provide them at their own cost.

If that is so, they may not use them even if provided at State expense.

C.R.

It is, if what the doctors say is correct, greatly to the interests of Government that the subordinates employed at Periyár should have mosquito nets and Government should be asked to sanction them.

H. E. CLERK.
15-3-11.

Under Secretary—

With reference to the Joint Secretary's remarks above, the file may be forwarded to the Financial Department for acceptance of the draft order or remarks.

M.S.V.
16-3-11.

J.M.L.
16-3-11.

To the Financial Department u.o.

Financial Department.

Attention is solicited to the notes of the Deputy Accountant-General, Public Works Branch, dated 14th March 1911, and to the Chief Engineer's (Irrigation) remark above.

2. The expenditure proposed is not for a *boná fide* public object. Under paragraph 19-4 of the Public Works Department Code, Volume II, "nothing must be "carried out by means of the public funds for the advantage of any individual, or body "of private persons, unless in accordance with some declared or established rule or "principle recognised by the Government of India". It does not appear that the supply of mosquito curtains and filters can be considered to be a fit object of expenditure of public money or to follow any established or recognised principle.

Deputy Accountant-General's note on pages 1 and 2 *ante*.

	Local allowance per mensem.
	RS.
* Sub-divisional officer ..	60
Sub-Assistant Surgeon ...	25

3. Of the men to whom it is proposed to supply mosquito nets, only the Sub-divisional officer and the Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Thekkady are in permanent service and they are already in receipt of local allowances * which are apparently granted on account of the unhealthiness of the locality. It is therefore for consideration whether these two should not be asked to provide themselves with nets at their own cost.

But the pay was fixed for the locality.
C.R.

4. As regards the others who are on the temporary establishment, the Dam Superintendent (pay Rs. 300) has not yet been employed. The others, *viz.*, the Sluice Superintendent and the driver are in receipt of a pay of Rs. 125 and Rs. 63, respectively. The rates of pay of these men do not, it is submitted, appear to be too low to necessitate the supply of these articles at the cost of Government.

Vide article 283 (11) of Civil Account Code, Volume I.

5. If, however, it is considered necessary to supply nets and filter as proposed by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Irrigation), the sanction of the Government of India will have to be obtained as the charge is of an unusual character.

M.J.
27-3-11.

A.H.
27-3-11.

Chief Secretary—

Vide report accompanying the estimate.

A perusal of the current file is invited. It would appear that the mosquito nets, with "frills" and "lawn" cloth top, and the Berkefeld filter should be disallowed.

C. Reilly.
28-3-11.

I agree. The Surgeon-General's reasoning would justify the providing of solah topees for European subordinates.

H. A. Stuart.
29-3-11.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation) u.o.

Public Works Department
(Irrigation Branch).

Under Secretary—

A fresh draft order is submitted for approval.

M.S.V.
10-4-11.

Joint Secretary—

Submitted. But attention is invited to the part marked A, page 4 of the reprint from Engineering, January 6th, 1911.

J. M. Lacey.
11-4-11.

Seen.

H. E. Clerk.
11-4-11.

[Issued as G.O., No. 129 I., dated 24th April 1911.]

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SUBJECT:—Estimate for purchasing mosquito curtains & filters for the officials stationed at Periyar Headworks.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

IRRIGATION BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

C. No. 491/11

READ the following

From the Supg. Engineer, VI Circle, No. 222 CE d. 17. 2. 1911.

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Note by the Chief Engr for Irrigtn
Roc No 491/11 d/ 11-4-11.
Submitted to Govt for orders.

Order No 1293 D/ 24-4-1911

The estimate received from the Supg. Engr VI Circle will be returned to him as the Cost of mosquito Curtains and of filters for the use of Govt officials is not properly chargeable to Govt.

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To

The Chief Engineer for Irrign √ Dpd 1/6/11
" Supg. Engineer VI Circle (with estimate) √ Dpd 25/4/11
" Acct General √ Dpd 1/6/11
" Financial Dept (with note) √ Dpd 1/6/11

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